

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church: An Inclusive Spiritual Community. We welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging. Our faith & practice are rooted in the way of Jesus and enriched by wisdom from all sources. We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion, working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and the world.



Sunday, January 4 • Epiphany Sunday (observed)

Jerimaiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:1-9

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary & Zoom

1:00 p.m. Ordained Leader Training – Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Community Meal – Zion Episcopal Church Social Center,
215 E. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Tuesday, January 6

11:00 a.m. Guns to Gardens (G2G) Steering Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 8

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Fellowship Hall/Hybrid (see below)

7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Sunday, January 11 • Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Baptismal Blessing – Sanctuary & Zoom

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Baptismal Blessing – Sanctuary & Zoom

12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

Sabbatical Planning Team Timeline Project Kick-off – Sanctuary

MUSIC IN WORSHIP includes Christmas Carols and Epiphany hymns to celebrate the coming of the magi, following a star, with gifts for the Christ child and a promise to continue protecting Sabbath With Us, so that it may Shine Forth through the ages!

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Christmastide

Epiphany Sunday (observed)

January 4, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Matthew 2: Magi

We have seen his star in the east ...

At the far edge of our science
we aren't looking so much at stars anymore
as at the older light
that was what the stars were before they were stars,
looking back over our shoulders,
one might say, at our own footprints,
our own cosmic path
across the unimaginably distant past,
tracing subtle electro-magnetic fluctuations,
the first whisper in the still tissue of space,
an infant's piercing cry,
a sound older even than the light
the pulse of energy that was, then, the whole universe.

Bruce Robison

SHEPHERDSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1743

Radical Hospitality • Holistic Spirituality • Engaged Compassion

We Choose Welcome

I now do according to
your word. I give you a
discerning mind.

Kings 3:12
Praise God in his sanc-
tuary; praise him in his
mighty firmament!

Psalms 150:1
Above all, clothe your-
selves with love, which
binds everything together
in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:14
Very truly, I tell you, who-
ever believes has eternal
life.

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Worship Leader
Christa Mastrangelo Joyce

Assistants
Youth and Children

Accompanist
Sam Jannotta

Tech Support
Mark Nutwell

To Our Guests
We are glad you are with
us. Please sign the guest
book by the front door and
fill in a visitor’s card from
the pew pocket. After the
service enjoy a cup of fair
trade coffee with friends in
the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit 151, v. 1
“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Proclamation
In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Epiphany
Matthew 2:1-4

***+Hymn 662**
““Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies”

Prayer for Sabbath (see insert)

+Response 119, v. 1
*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King”*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

Epiphany Unfolds: Follow the Light
Matthew 2:5-8

+Response 119, v. 2
*Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King”*

Welcome and Parish Life

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THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading

Interlude

Lesson
Matthew 2:9-12

Introduction to Vignettes and Song

***Hymn 123, v. 1**
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Vignette 1
***Hymn 123, v. 2**
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Vignette 2
***Hymn 123, v. 3**
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Vignette 3
***Hymn 123, v. 4**
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Vignette 4
Conclusion and Star Words

***Hymn 123, v. 5**
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer (see insert)

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

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***Credo**
With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

***Sending 136, refrain (2x)**
*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

***Postlude**

Sabbath is a profound con-
scious harmony of human
and world, a sympathy for
all things and a participa-
tion in the spirit that unites
what is below and what is
above.
Abraham Joshua Heschel

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation
New Revised
Standard Version

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Eucharistic Prayer

The Great Sabbath is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Giver of Sabbath.

Let us give thanks for Sabbath-With-Us:

Sabbath Shines Forth: The Light of the World.

At this table, Sabbath-With-Us Shines Forth,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Sabbath has come. Sabbath is with us.

Sabbath will be all in all.

Holy One, Giver of Life, Source of Rest,
we praise you.

Your realm of justice and delight come near;

Your Sabbath will be done in all lands.

Give us today our Bread for the Journey,
enough for all to feast and then rest.
Free us from our striving and our hoarding,
as we seek to free those wounded and wearied
by an unforgiving system.

Save us from the tyranny of endless toil,
and deliver us from tyrannical power.

For yours is the rhythm,
and the mercy, and the joy,
now and forever. Amen.

Sung Response

All shall be well.

All things shall be well.

Sabbath As Practice

January Worship at SPC

Sabbath in Scripture is God's gift
of freedom, justice, and healing —
a holy interruption of endless striving
and its harmful consequences
Through January we commit
to practicing Sabbath in Community.

January 4	Sabbath Shines Forth! <i>A Children and Youth Epiphany</i>
January 11	Sabbath as Practice: Belovedness <i>Litany of Baptismal Blessing</i>
January 18	Sabbath as Practice: Justice <i>MLK/Racial Justice Sunday</i>
January 25	Sabbath as Practice: Shared Leadership <i>Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons</i>

Prayer for Sabbath

Holy One, your light shines in the darkness.

Sabbath Shines Forth: The Light of the World

You guide wanderers by stars and dreams.

Sabbath Shines Forth: The Light of the World

You welcome the nations with joy and gifts.

Sabbath Shines Forth: The Light of the World

Sung Response 119, v. 1

Hark! The herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King:

peace on earth, and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,

join the triumph of the skies;

with the angelic hosts proclaim,

"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

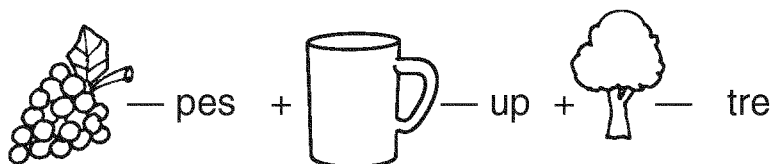
Hark! The herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King"



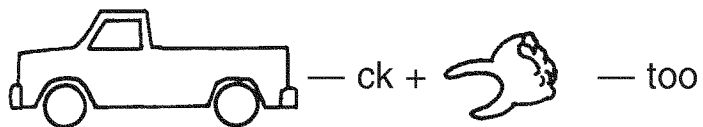
The law was given through
Moses; what came through
Jesus Christ?

Add and subtract words and letters.



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Children's Worship Bulletin™

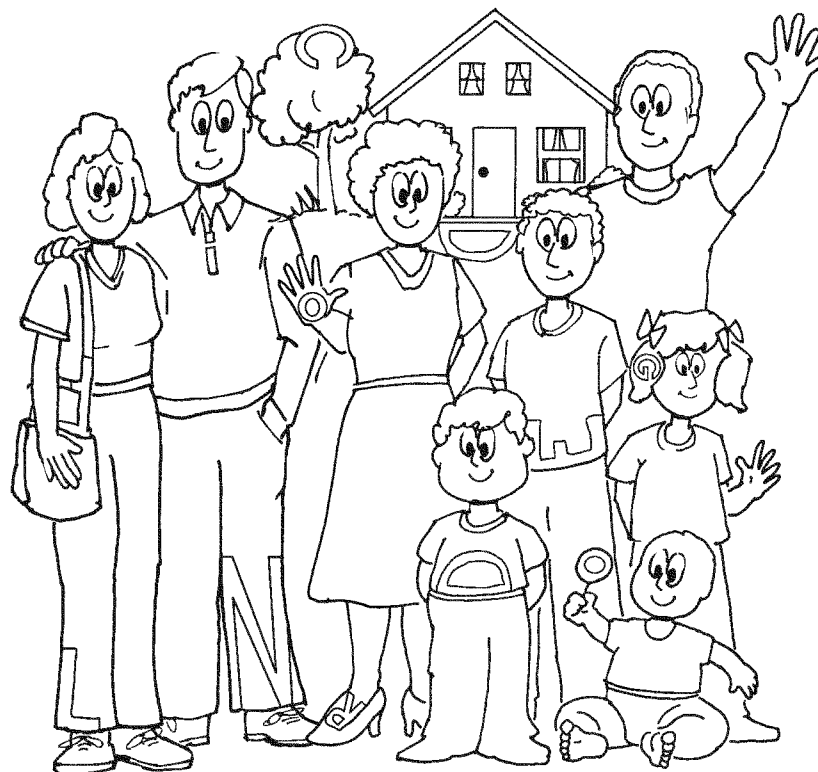
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Jesus Is Sent by God

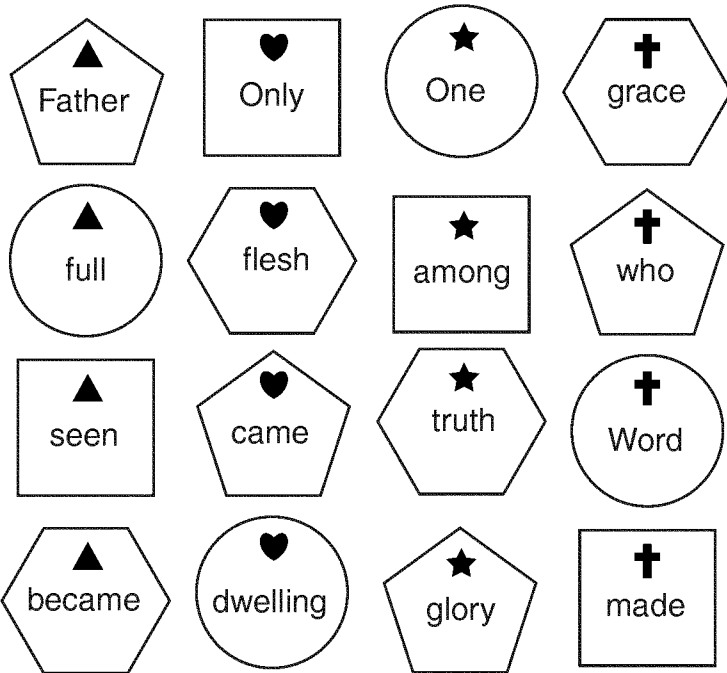
All who receive Jesus and believe
in His name are given the right to become ... what?

There are 13 letters hidden below. Circle them.
Unscramble them to fill in the blanks.



The Word was with God in the beginning.
Through Him all things were made, and in Him was life.
What else is revealed to us about “the Word”?

Use the code to fill the words on the lines.



The Word _____

 and _____ His _____

 us. We have _____ His _____,

 the _____ of the _____ and _____ Son,

 _____ from the _____, _____ of

 _____ and _____.

What else do we receive from Jesus?

Write the words that fit the definitions to learn the code.
Use the code to discover the words of the verse.



companion, pal	<u>f</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
strong affection	<u>l</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>		
young boys and girls	<u>c</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
to make clean	<u>w</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
to embrace	<u>h</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>			
the lowest part or place	<u>b</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>

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 8 1 12 3 21 25 2 20 11 4
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